

Take

Oswald

- note the recurring similarities of a 1957 CHEVROLET
- as revealed in Jr 1974 such a car was wanted on Nov. 22

MURR 9/21/67

DIAL D. RYDER---(11H224ff)

- Ryder testified that about 2-3 weeks before the assassination a man brought a rifle into the Irving Sports Shop to have a certain amount of work done on the rifle so that a scope could be mounted on it
- Ryder filled out a repair tag on which the man's name was written- "Oswald" (11H226,231)
- however the odd thing about this incident is ~~#####~~ revealed in an FBI memorandum introduced to the Commission (22H531-546)
- in this memorandum it is revealed that an anonymous male caller phoned a special agent of the FBI in Dallas on Nov. 24th, 1963
- this individual stated that Oswald had his rifle sighted at the Irving Sports Shop on Thurs. Nov. 21, (22H531)
- this same memorandum also reveals that an anonymous individual phoned Ray John of WFAA-TV in Dallas on the same day, Nov 24th and gave him (Ray) similar information (22H532)
- Ryder testified that he did not make the phone calls (22H542-543)
- as Oswald was dead, who else knew enough to know that documentary proof of "Oswald's" visit to the gun shop awaited the FBI and the press who were tipped off at almost the same time?

The Commission reported that a "group of witnesses" believed that ~~####~~ they saw Lee Harvey Oswald at the Sports Drome Rifle Range in Dallas in the weeks preceeding the assassination

- because of the similarities given by the witnesses regarding the rifle, description of the man etc. that "there is reason to believe that these witnesses ~~##~~ did see that same person at the firing range." (R318)
- Malcolm H. Price adjusted the man's scope-- Garland G. Slack ~~##~~ had an altercation with the individual because he was shooting at Slack's target (R318)
- Slack said the man gave him a look he would never forget (10H390)
- Dr. Homer Wood and his son also testified that they spoke briefly with the man about his rifle (R318)
- all of these witnesses expressed confidence that the man they saw was Oswald
- other person testified that they saw a man resembling Oswald at another range near Irving 2 days before the assassination
- all of this testimony is in turn corroborated by other witnesses Floyd G. Davis (10H356-363), Virginia L. Davis (10H3630369), Charles Camplen (26H371), and James E. Wheelers (26H374)
- Slack alleged that the man he thought was Oswald was brought there by a man named Frazier (26H681)
- Frazier denied ever having driven Oswald to any range at any time

- the Commission said that several witnesses noticed a bearded man at the rifle ranges with Oswald (R319)
 - the bearded man was found, identified and questioned by the FBI (26H350-351)
 - of ~~the~~ course the man denied having been at the range with Oswald or of knowing Oswald
 - however the commission or the FBI did not see fit to ask this man if he had any connection with someone resembling Oswald
- EXHIBIT No. 2898 26H351-354 is a 7 page report submitted by SA's J. Hale McMenamin and Raymond J. Fox as proof that Oswald was not seen in or around the area of Irving practicing with a rifle or pistol

COMMISSION EX. NO. 2903- 26H360

- an FBI interview of one WADDEL "SLIM" ROBERTSON dated Dec. 7, 1963
- Mr. Robertson stated that in the later part of August or early Sept. he and his wife saw a white man, about 25 yrs. of age, 5'10" weighing about 160 lbs., dark hair receding at the temples, clean-shaven, no glasses
- this man was firing a rifle on the Trinity River Bottom behind 104 Woodland drive, Irving, Texas
- Robertson said that the man had piled two bails of hay on top of the other and was using these bails as a resting place for the rifle
- the man had an unidentified woman and a small boy with him
- the boy appeared to be about 4 yrs. of age and he described the woman as in her 20's 5'6", 130 lbs. dark hair, no glasses
- Robertson said he was not able to note a detailed description of the calibre of the rifle, but stated that it did have a scope
- after he saw pictures of Oswald, Robertson stated that he thought the man he saw looked like Oswald
- he said the man was firing at a homemade bullseye and the woman and the boy were just standing and watching him
- Robertson also noted a car parked nearby, unknown model, but said it was black-early 1950's
- about 4 or 5 days after he had seen the man, Robertson said he and his wife were fishing in the Trinity river when the same man came along and spoke to them
- the man told Robertson that he and his wife also lived in Irving, but did not specify an address

COMMISSION EX. NO. 2904 26H361

- a two sentence statement from Major LEON POWERS, Assistant Chief of Police Irving, Texas stating that he gave the FBI Laboratory four 6.5 brass shell casings which he recovered from a temporary shooting range located on highway 183 at Belt Line between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Nov. 29, 1963

COMMISSION EX. NO. 2905 26H361

- a similar report only this time the shells were made available by Inspector TOM KELLY of the Secret Service
- there were 3 6.5 mm cartridge cases believed to have been recovered from the Sports Dome Gun Club by Mr. A.R. PAPURT around Nov. 12, 1963
- it is interesting to note that this report is filed by FBI agent JAMES P. HOSTY on Dec 3rd, 1963

COMMISSION EX. NO. 2909-- 26H364-365

- an FBI interview of GARIAND C. SLACK Dec. 2, 1963
- SLACK is the individual who stated he saw a man resembling Oswald at the ### Sports Dome Rifle Range
- however in the first part of this rather lengthy interview, Slack testified that he was in the Dallas County Record Building on Nov. 22, 1963
- shortly before the motorcade reached Elm and Houston, Slack said he got a vantage point at the automobile entrance to the Dallas County Sheriffs Office
- he did not see the President get hit, but did observe some of the things that happened after
- * - he stated that a short time after the shooting he watched the police take a young airman into custody
- * - then he was present as a young colored boy was picked up by the police
- * - this colored boy was hiding under a monument and supposedly had witnessed the assassination.
- Slacks description of the man he saw with Oswald on Nov. 10, 1963 is almost a perfect match of that of the previously mentioned MICHAEL BENTLEY MURPHY (26H350-351)
- Slack observed this man and "Oswald" get into an old "jalopy"
- the men had three rifles, all of the same make, which they put into the back of the "jalopy"
- he estimated that "Oswald" fired between 50-70 rounds and took some shots at his (Slack's) target
- he stated that both men were firing ### with ammunition from a can they had between them which was half full with ammunition
- Slack observed that the man was in his opinion an excellent shot
- the only thing that bothered Slack was that the man he was positive was Oswald, had blond hair whereas Oswalds was dark

COMMISSION EX. NO. 2910-- 26H366

- FBI interview of MALCOLM HOWARD PRICE Dec. 3, 1963
- Mr. Price stated that he thought he sighted in a scope for Lee Harvey Oswald on Oct. 26, 1963, the opening day for the Sports Dome Rifle Range
- when shown a photograph of Oswald, Price stated he was certain the man was the same one he had sighted the rifle for
- he identified the rifle as one of 7.6 calibre with a 4 power Jap scope
- he further stated that the gun would not fire a 6.5 shell and did not have a sling on it
- he said that the man said he was driving by when he saw the sign and came in
- Mr. Price said he observed the picture of Oswald with his rifle and stated that this definitely was not the gun he sighted in on Oct. 26
- he said he recalled seeing this man on 4 or 5 occasions and that each time the man was very well dressed, clean and neat, 5'8" tall 140-150 lbs. hair dark blond or light brown
- Price said the man shot quite a bit and he noticed him there on occasion when "bear" SLACK was present and also a man with a heavy beard and hair

- Price also gave an exact description as to the location of the serial on the gun he worked on

COMMISSION EX. NO. 2912---264367

- FBI interview of on DR. HOMER WOOD- Dec. 4th, 1963
- Dr. Wood advised that on Nov. 16, 1963 he took his son to the Sports Dome Rifle Range for some target practice
- they were there from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at which time he noticed the man shooting in stall 5, next to his son
- the man was firing a rifle with a telescopic scope and a sling
- Dr. Wood described the man as a white male, 25-30 yrs of age, 5'9"-5'10"; dark hair, thin; with a large nose and a sharp chin
- he advised that the man was not there more than 30 mins.
- subsequent to the assassination Dr. Holmes said he saw several pictures of Oswald and he is satisfied in his own mind that the man was Oswald

~~the following information~~

- the following affidavit is that of Dr. Wood's son Sterling
- he reiterated what his father had stated concerning the time location etc. and stated that he thought the man he had seen was identical to Oswald
- he was impressed by the marksmanship of the man and described him as a white male; 25 to 30 5'7"-5'8", slender build, sharp facial features black hair and wearing dark pants with a blue shirt with white stripes
- Sterling stated that he talked to the man and the man told him the gun was a 6.5 Italian carbine with a 4 power telescopic scope
- during the firing Sterling noticed that flame was emitted from the gun
- he said that after the shooting had stopped and they had gone to observe their targets he looked back and the man had picked up his gun and was leaving
- he said he thought the man went over to a car parked nearby and left
- the affidavit following his is that of the FBI after they had shown Sterling Wood a photograph of the assassination rifle
- Sterling definitely stated that the rifle was not the one he had seen the man using at the Rifle Range

COMMISSION EX. NO. 2918-- 26H372

- FBI interview of one JAMES F. DALE, Dec. 7, 1963
- he was with Charles Camplen on Nov. 21, 1963 when they went to the Sports Dome Rifle Range
- he observed three men on the range, one of whom was shooting
- he stated that the gun had a sling and a scope on it
- he recalled that there were only two cars at the range at this time, one a big brown and cream Buick, Oldsmobile or Pontiac, 1959 or 1960-- the other was a 1957 or 1958 light blue Chevrolet
- he stated that the man shooting looked somewhat like Oswald
- he described the person as a white male, young 20's, 5'10"-5'11" 185 lbs.

COMMISSION EXS. NOS. 2926-2927 26H378

- the reports state that two individuals, JOHNNIE BOWLING and ROBERT L. GOODWIN found some empty 6.5 shell casings at a place used by residents of-#### Carrollton as a shooting practice range
- the location of these shells and range is on the Belt Line road
- this location is not unlike the one described by Maj. LEON POWERS 26H361, and Mrs. LOVELL T. PENN 26H406

COMMISSION EX. NO. 2934-- 26H382

- interview of on BILLY LEE BEARD, Dec. 7, 1963
- Beard stated that on Nov. 20, 1963 he went to a turkey shoot being handled by the Irving Jaycees on a range on the Belt Line road
- he arrived at about 4:00 p.m. and noted that no Jaycees were present
- he recalled about 7 people on the range at the time shootin various weanons
- a man who he believed to be Oswald was shooting a rifle with a Mauser type action
- he said the gun had a cheap type scope, one he estimated at 2 1/2
- he never got more than 6 feet from the man, but his son BARRY walked over to the man, but the man would not talk to him
- he described the man as a white male, 5'8"-5'10", 150 lbs., dark hair
- the man was wearing a light tan windbreaker type jacket and khaki trousers
- Mr. Beard observed 4 automobiles at the range, a 1961 white #### Chevrolet; an old Chevrolet pickup truck dark green or dark blue, an old car color or make not recalled and a 1963 white Volvo
- he observed photos of Oswald and stated that he could not be positive that the man was Oswald and that the gun was similar
- on leaving the Dallas Office, Mr. Beard observed a young man in the reception room who he thought looked like Oswald
- who this man was is not mentioned in this report.
- the following report, Ex. No. 2935 is the interview with Beard's son, BARRY
- Barry reiterated what his father had said about their trip, and remembered the man his father had told him was using a German Mauser
- he talked to the man for 5 mins., but that the man was not friendly
- he believed the gun was a lever action rifle not bolt action

- the man with the gun had a brown leather case for it, and the rifle had a sling on it
- he described the man as 5'6", medium build, dark brown hair, short sleeved brown plaid shirt, and dark brown nylon trousers
- Barry was shown a photo of Oswald and he said the man he saw certainly looked like Oswald in the photo.

COMMISSION EX. NO. 2941--26H391ff.

- this Ex. is concerned with Mr. and Mrs. Davis who owned and ran the Sports Drome Rifle Range in Dallas
- among the items reproduced is the ledger of individuals who signed in at the range up until Nov. 3
- however as it reproduced most of it is unreadable
- Mrs. Davis remarks that some other Government agency had the ledger and put red "x" marks beside certain names
- the meaning of these check marks were unknown to her

COMMISSION EX. NO. 3049--26H600ff.

- this exhibit is a summary prepared by the FBI concerning tests made by them on shell casings given to them by various sources
- an interesting entry is that the FBI seem to have been given a shell by Mrs. LOVELL T. PENN!
- there is no mention of this fact in Mrs. Penn's statement 26H406
- the shell was a 6.5 Mannlicher-Carcano recovered by her on the Belt Line Road

COMMISSION EX. NO. 1974-- 23H832ff

- 23H862 is the first of a series of reports on certain cars that were spotted after the assassination that may have some bearing on the "false Oswald".
- the car is a white Pontiac station-wagon, 1961-1962 license prefix PE
- the car had a rifle laying on the seat
- pg. 865, the car is further identified as having license no. PE3435, occupied by two white males, going east on Davis St.
- pg. 867 car is identified as a 1961 Falcon 4-door
- pg. 872, Patrolman C. Nelson, who was the one involved in this incident stated that the man wasn't sure of the make of the car except that it was white and had a luggage rack on top
- (note here that this description is not too unlike that given by ROGER D. CRAIG shortly after the assassination)
- also on pg. 872, 252, an unidentified individual, wanted a check through the Austin records for a license no. HS1877, Texas, 1963
- this mysterious call and caller seem to have originated from the area of the TSBD
- pg. 884, two men are dispatched to 5818 Belmont St., as there was information that a suspect got out of a car at that location with a gun
- pg. 885, the car is further identified as a light two-tone green car
- on the same page there is the entry by 474A (Special Service Bureau) that there has been a suspect spotted on the overpass at Cobb Stadium carrying a rifle (on the map you supplied in WHITEWASH I, you will notice that Cobb Stadium is north of the TSBD and not too far from the Trade Mart)
- this Cobb Stadium incident is carried over to pg. 886
- also pg. 886, a report from 5818 Belmont states that the car in question is a light green, license no. R38950 and also a light colored Falcon NX3171 at the same location
- pg. 887 further reference to the Cobb Stadium and the picking up of the suspects car by a wrecker
- the suspects car turns out to be a red panel truck with writing on the side, license 3E9087 (pg. 888)
- pg. 888, headquarters sends out a call that all squads in the Oak Cliff area are to be on the lookout and to pick up the occupants of a 1957 Chevrolet sedan, license NA4445 for carrying a concealed weapon-- the car was last seen at Tenth and Jefferson (this car is similar to the one reported by Mrs. Lovell T. Penn, and Alvin McGaffey-- see also Ex. No. 5)

All the above notes are from CHANNEL 1

EX. No. 2944-- FBI interview of one Mrs. LOVELL T. PENN,
dated Dec. 5, 1963.

- a resident of Cedar Hill Texas, lives on a farm 3.7 miles from Cedar Hill toward Grand Prairie on the Belt Line road
- sometime between 1:00 and 2:00 P.M. on Oct. 6th 1963 she testified to hearing someone firing a "high calibre" rifle in her pasture
- looking through her kitchen window she saw 2 or 3 men in the field
- she got in her car and drove to where the men were
- 2 of the men were standing by a car, a 1957 black and white Chevrolet bearing a Texas Licence plate
- the 3rd man was in the field some distance away with a rifle
- when she explained to the men why she did not want them shooting in her field, she stated that it made the man with the rifle angry
- the man with the rifle walked back to the car making several "nasty remarks" to her
- the man at the car then told the man with the gun to keep quiet
- she took the license number of the car, but threw it away when the men had left and she found that they had done no damage (26H406)

EX.No. 3110-- FBI interview of one ALVIN McGAFFEY, Hutchins Texas dated Dec. 6, 1963.

- on Nov. 20th, 1963, at approximately 11:30 A.M. McGaffey stated that he was working in the fields near McCormas Road and Central Express
- while there he stated he heard shots from an adjoining field
- going to the field he saw a male individual sitting in a blue and white 1957 Chevrolet
- he told the individual that he was trespassing on his land and asked him to leave
- the individual complied and left the area
- McGaffey described the man as;
 - white male- 25-30 yrs. old
 - thinning brown hair-medium fair complexion
 - was wearing a light blue jacket
- McGaffey further stated that he did not see the weapon that the individual had been using
- when shown a Dallas Police Dept. photo of Oswald he stated that the individual was not identical to the Oswald photo but felt that "there was a slight resemblance"
- at approximately 5:00 P.M. of the same day, McGaffey again heard shots coming from the adjoining field
- he went again to the field and saw another unknown individual

- the individual refused to furnish his name and left when told to do so
- McGaffey could not recall the make of the automobile that the person was driving, but stated that the license no. was a 1963 Texas plate, Number PU 7862
- the individual was described as;

white male-200lbs.- 5'10"- 40 yrs. old
dark hair and of Jewish nationality

- he further stated that the man was carrying a rifle with a mounted scope
- McGaffey stated that the individual did not represent Oswald in any way, but resembled a photo of JACK RUBY to some degree (26H740-741)

EX. No. 5--(16H7-8)

- the above Ex. is a photograph of the home of General Walker
- just a cursory glance at this photo indicates that it has been seriously damaged
- the car in the picture is a 1957 Chevrolet!
- however a large hole has been poked in the picture obliterating the license number
- Marina Oswald testified that the hole was not there when she first saw the picture(114294-295)
- she stated that the license number had "white and black numbers"
- the license number could have revealed whose car was there and also what year the picture was taken in

TESTIMONY of MRS. EDITH WHITWORTH--(11H262-275)

- Mrs. Whitworth owned a furniture store in Dallas that had formerly been a gun shop
- a man she later believed was Lee Harvey Oswald came to her store on or about the 1st of Nov.
- the man drove up to the store in a blue and white car, either a Ford or Plymouth
- the exact model Mrs. Whitworth wasn't sure about.(11H264)
- the man then entered the shop and asked for a part for a gun which he seemed to be carrying
- Mrs. Whitworth eventually directed the man to the Irving Sports Shop
- on Pgs. 271-272 Mrs. Whitworth was shown several Exs. and identified the man as the one who had been in her store in the first week of Nov.

- Mrs. Whitworth's testimony is corroborated by that of Mrs. Gertrude Hunter(11H253-262)
- in Mrs. Hunter's case she positively stated that the man who looked like Oswald had drove the car up to the store(11H2540)
- she stated that the car was a "two-tone- blue Ford" the yearbeing a 1957 or 1958
- Mrs. Hunter backs the testimony of Mrs. Whitworth(the man wanted a part for his gun, the woman and the children, direction to Irving Sports Shopetc. etc.)
- Mrs. Hunter was also shown various Exs.(11H261,262) and stated that she could not say definitely, but that the man resembled Oswald

- LEE BOWERS JR. also testified to seeing a black 1957 Ford in the area of the grassy knoll minutes before the assassination (6H286)